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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to Friday's values. Elsewhere, weekly prices were generally unchanged on all weights. The market tone was steady beginning the week. Demand was mostly moderate to occasionally fairly good. Supplies were sufficient to balanced for current needs. Breaking stock offerings were in balance to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were sufficient for the fair to moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Cartoned egg sales were moderate to instances good. Loose egg demand was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to balanced for all sizes. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light with offerings ranging balanced to fully adequate, mostly adequate. A few breakers were reporting offerings of graded loose shell eggs at discounted levels to the current market. Floor stocks were fully adequate. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers.	
			RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	40-50	41-47	LARGE	22-31 26
LARGE	39-49	40-43	MEDIUM	17-21 19
MEDIUM	32-42	34-37	SMALL	5-7

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was moderate. Supplies were sufficient for needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for mostly normal breaking schedules. Light type hens were adequate for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	50-64	50-53
LARGE	44-58	49-53
MEDIUM	35-48	40-42

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Cartoned egg sales were moderate to at times good. Loose egg demand was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to balanced for all sizes. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light with offerings ranging from balanced to fully adequate, mostly adequate. A few breakers reported offerings of graded loose shell eggs at discounted levels to the current market. Floor stocks were fully adequate. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	49.5-58	51-54
LARGE	45.5-54	47-50
MEDIUM	39.5-48	41-44

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Weekly prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was moderate to instances good, best where promotions were a factor. Supplies were sufficient for immediate trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were sufficient for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	48.5-57.5	50-53
LARGE	47-54.5	48-51
MEDIUM	36.5-44	37-41

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged on extra large, large and medium when compared to last Friday's price. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was mostly moderate. Supplies were sufficient for current trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	58-62
LARGE	56-60
MEDIUM	47-51

### MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	47-56	49-53
LARGE	46-55	47-49
MEDIUM	39-48	42-44

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

**WESTERN** Prices unchanged. The Pacific region inventory was 2% lower than last week with California up 4% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 14%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings in fair balance.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged. The California inventory was 4% higher than last week. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 58.

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	103
EXTRA LARGE	95
LARGE	85
MEDIUM	78

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	259-309	JUMBO	
EXTRA LARGE	219-289	EXTRA LARGE	Not
LARGE	179-229	LARGE	Available
MEDIUM	179-199	MEDIUM	

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending October 21, 2005 will decrease by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending October 14, 2005 were 195,407 cases which was 8 percent below the prior week and 3 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	153,223	42,184	195,407
% change from the prior week.....	-10	+2	-8

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** All prices were unchanged. Demand was light with offerings ranging balanced to fully adequate, mostly adequate. A few breakers were reporting offerings of graded loose shell eggs at this call with bids at discounted levels to the current market. Floor stocks were fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	31-33	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	18-22	18-20

CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was no better than fair for the adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product were fully sufficient for current needs. The undertone was steady to about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 17-OCT-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.75-15	12-13	12.58
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate supplies of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 17-OCT-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.5-16.25	12.75-13.5	12.79

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT - JUL 18, 2005

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO		SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.2	18.2	7.1	11.2	11.6	59.3
	Change	-2.3	1.5	2.0	-3.3	0.2	-3%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	35.3	53.1	14.7	26.8	36.6	166.5
	Change	2.6	-10.2	1.1	-2.2	-5.1	-8%
Large	Curr Wk	71.7	154.1	56.4	86.6	110.5	479.3
	Change	8.8	-37.9	-2.1	-12.6	4.2	-8%
Medium	Curr Wk	8.7	52.7	16.0	19.9	28.3	125.6
	Change	-2.0	0.6	-2.8	-2.8	0.1	-5%
Small	Curr Wk	2.4	8.7	2.9	3.0	3.9	20.9
	Change	-0.7	1.2	-1.4	0.6	0.2	0%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.7	30.9	10.5	17.4	3.6	68.1
	Change	1.1	-1.1	-2.4	4.0	-0.6	1%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	24.6	74.8	31.0	35.1	28.7	194.2
	Change	2.3	29.1	1.5	-5.7	-3.7	14%
Total Percent	Curr Wk	159.6	392.5	138.6	200.0	223.2	1,113.9
	Change	7%	-4%	-3%	-10%	-2%	-3%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1,113.9	-3%	175
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	239.0	-5%	35
Total Shell Egg	1,352.9	-4%	210

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 175 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT  
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI  
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX  
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV  
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

## CANADIAN EGGS

QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES-GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 03, 2005

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.86	1.83	1.74	1.16

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 03, 2005 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.42	1.42	1.32	.77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR OCTOBER 14, 2005

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
7.00								17.25								24.25							
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS								
GNR W 1	—	—	29.50	31.00	—	—	2.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00								
GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00								
GL W XL	—	—	40.75	42.50	—	—	2.00																
GL W LG	—	—	387.00	40.00	34.00	—	6.75																
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	29.00	1.50																
GL W SM	—	—	22.00	24.00	—	—	1.00																
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	10.00																

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/10/05-10/14/05

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
87.75								60.25								148.00							
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS								
GNR W 1	28.67	—	29.50	31.29	—	—	8.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	40.00	2.00								
GNR W 3	—	28.00	—	—	23.50	—	1.00	GL W J	55.00	—	—	—	—	63.50	.50								
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	72.00	1.00	GL W XL	43.50	41.21	—	—	—	49.65	18.50								
GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	37.20	37.67	—	—	36.00	43.40	13.50								
GL W XL	—	43.00	40.56	41.96	35.81	36.50	44.00	GL W MD	31.33	—	31.50	—	—	38.28	6.25								
GL W LG	—	36.00	211.75	39.00	31.20	33.00	15.50	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	—	27.00	1.00								
GL W MD	—	—	27.67	30.81	29.25	29.00	12.00	GL BR J	—	—	—	—	—	79.50	.25								
GL W SM	23.50	27.00	21.67	23.67	17.00	—	7.00	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	76.50	1.00								
GL BR J	—	—	—	—	65.00	—	.25	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	6.00								
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	62.00	—	1.00																
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	34.00	—	—	.25																
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	29.84	62.00																
NRBS - 45	—	—	31.00	33.00	—	—	1.00																
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	22.30	24.80	5.00																
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	21.50	16.00																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	10/10/05	10/03/05	10/11/04
PACIFIC COAST	115	141	130
LOS ANGELES	112	137	96

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market is steady on all sizes. Supplies are sufficient. Retail demand is moderate.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MOSTLY	
EXTRA LARGE	67.86
LARGE	64.86
MEDIUM	54.86
SMALL	35.00

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS** 10/04/05

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 260	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

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**OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION**

Report Date: 10/06/2005

Report Period: 9/04/2005 - 9/10/2005

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern CA	# Cases Shipped To Central CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	3,653	3,653
Arkansas	0	0	2,970	2,970
Colorado	0	0	6,953	6,953
Illinois	0	0	480	480
Iowa	7,711	5316	42,936	55,963
Michigan	0	0	6,720	6,720
Minnesota	2,890	0	6,180	9,070
Missouri	903	810	1,670	3,383
Ohio	0	0	2,520	2,520
Oregon	2,532	15	0	2,547
Pennsylvania	0	0	810	810
South Dakota	818	0	0	818
Texas	0	0	1,407	1,407
Utah	2,120	2,252	8,455	12,827
Washington	19	450	0	469
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,993</b>	<b>8,843</b>	<b>84,754</b>	<b>110,590</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO</b>				
<b>MILITARY</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO</b>				
<b>NONMILITARY</b>	<b>16,993</b>	<b>8,843</b>	<b>84,754</b>	<b>110,590</b>

**OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION**

Report Date: 10/06/2005

Report Period: 9/11/2005 - 9/17/2005

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern CA	# Cases Shipped To Central CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	2,429	2,429
Arkansas	0	0	2,400	2,400
Colorado	0	0	6,911	6,911
Iowa	4,228	5,082	47,431	56,741
Michigan	0	0	5,660	5,660
Minnesota	4,850	1,085	9,450	15,385
Nevada	0	0	240	240
Ohio	0	0	3,040	3,040
Oregon	2,634	911	0	3,454
South Dakota	1,500	0	0	1,500
Texas	0	0	2,940	2,940
Utah	1,455	0	9,782	11,237
Washington	0	240	0	240
Wisconsin	0	0	1,395	1,395
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,576</b>	<b>7,318</b>	<b>91,678</b>	<b>113,572</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO</b>				
<b>MILITARY</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO</b>				
<b>NONMILITARY</b>	<b>14,576</b>	<b>7,318</b>	<b>91,678</b>	<b>113,572</b>

**OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION**

Report Date: 10/06/2005

Report Period: 9/18/2005 - 9/24/2005

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern CA	# Cases Shipped To Central CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	1,897	1,897
Arkansas	0	0	1,600	1,600
Colorado	0	0	6,977	6,977
Illinois	0	0	450	450
Iowa	4,630	4,440	40,793	49,863
Michigan	0	760	4,437	5,197
Minnesota	6,437	1,065	10,700	18,202
Missouri	0	0	3,720	3,720
Montana	0	0	600	600
Ohio	0	0	1,340	1,340
Oregon	3,205	0	0	3,205
South Dakota	750	0	0	750
Texas	0	0	3,879	3,879
Utah	2,670	1,485	7,247	11,402
Wisconsin	0	0	2,340	2,340
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17,692</b>	<b>7,750</b>	<b>85,980</b>	<b>111,422</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO</b>				
<b>MILITARY</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO</b>				
<b>NONMILITARY</b>	<b>17,692</b>	<b>7,750</b>	<b>85,980</b>	<b>111,422</b>

**OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION**

Report Date: 10/06/2005

Report Period: 9/25/2005 - 10/01/2005

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern CA	# Cases Shipped To Central CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	970	0	4,135	5,105
Arkansas	0	0	5,550	5,550
Colorado	0	0	5,509	5,509
Illinois	0	0	240	240
Iowa	5,000	2,170	25,138	32,308
Michigan	0	0	7,497	7,497
Minnesota	3,265	1,325	12,506	17,096
Missouri	0	0	1,650	1,650
Montana	0	0	902	902
Nevada	0	0	1,530	1,530
Ohio	0	0	4,905	4,905
Oregon	2,310	112	0	2,422
South Dakota	0	0	615	615
Texas	0	1,554	3,480	5,034
Utah	690	0	11,562	12,252
Washington	0	384	0	384
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,236</b>	<b>5,545</b>	<b>85,219</b>	<b>102,999</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO</b>				
<b>MILITARY</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO</b>				
<b>NONMILITARY</b>	<b>12,236</b>	<b>5,545</b>	<b>85,219</b>	<b>102,999</b>